



Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Eighteenth Congress  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3590**

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**Introduced by Representative Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the existing Sto. Tomas Infirmary Hospital located in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Pampanga, into an annex of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital located in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to be known as the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital – Sto. Tomas Annex Hospital.

Sto. Tomas Infirmary Hospital was initially funded with an allocation of Forty-one million pesos (P41,000,000.00) for its buildings and facilities and another Twenty million pesos (P20,000,000.00) for road development, drainage, and parking space. It was also awarded Twenty million pesos (P20,000,000.00) worth of medical equipment by the Department of Health.

Sto. Tomas Infirmary Hospital is located in an expansive one-hectare property owned by the Municipality of Sto. Tomas and is strategically located about ten to fifteen minutes away from the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital.

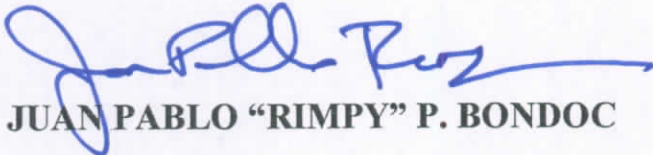
The grounds occupied by the Sto. Tomas Infirmary Hospital can serve as buildable space for the expansion of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital which was upgraded from its 250-bed capacity to 500-bed capacity by virtue of Republic Act No. 10355. Recently, on July 31, 2019, Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital was further upgraded into a 1,000 bed-capacity hospital by virtue of Republic Act No. 11359 which was signed into law by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. Thus, owing to its proximity and large area for buildable space, Sto.

Tomas Infirmary Hospital is an ideal annex or extension of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital.

Also, the strategic location of the Sto. Tomas Infirmary Hospital, coupled with the massive road network development presently being undertaken in the area, makes it more accessible to its catchment area which includes the whole eastern portion of the Province of Pampanga comprising of the Second and Fourth Legislative Districts and the towns therein.

This bill is in consonance with the constitutional mandate to promote and protect the right of the people to health and instill health consciousness among them. Further, it is in line with the policy of the State to secure the well-being of the people by providing them efficient health services.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



**JUAN PABLO "RIMPY" P. BONDOC**



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**AN ACT**

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2 **CONVERTING THE STO. TOMAS INFIRMARY HOSPITAL IN THE**  
3 **MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO**  
4 **AN ANNEX OF THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL**  
5 **HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE**  
6 **JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL – STO. TOMAS**  
7 **ANNEX, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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9 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
10 *Congress assembled:*

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12 SECTION 1. The Sto. Tomas Infirmary Hospital in the Municipality of Sto.  
13 Tomas, Province of Pampanga, is hereby converted into an annex of the Jose B.  
14 Lingad Memorial General Hospital in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to be  
15 known as the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital – Sto. Tomas Annex.

16 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the  
17 Department's programs the implementation of this Act and the operationalization  
18 of the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital – Sto. Tomas Annex, the funding  
19 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1           SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary  
2 of Health shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
3 implementation of this Act.

4           SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
5 *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

6           Approved,